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In re Application of:  
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) Examiner: -- Turner, Sharon L  
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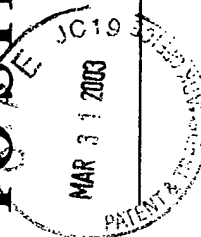
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For: **TRP8, A TRANSIENT RECEPTOR POTENTIAL CHANNEL  
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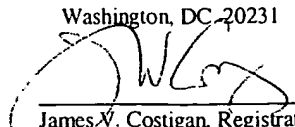
**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

SIR:

This Response is being filed in reply to the Office Action that was  
mailed February 25, 2003. Please consider the following remarks:

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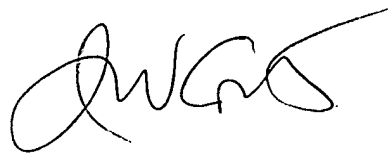
The Examiner has stated that the claims of the present application contain ten inventions, which she has divided into groups I through X. According to the Examiner, the inventions are distinct, each from the other because the inventions are unrelated.

In response, Applicant elects to pursue the claims of Group IV in this application without prejudice to prosecution of the subject matter of non-elected claims in other patent applications. Applicant makes the election with traverse, on the grounds that the claimed processes of Groups I-X are not independent and distinct as required by 35 U.S.C. § 121. Accordingly, Applicants request that the restriction requirement be reconsidered.

In addition, Applicants designate nucleic acid composition selected from SEQ ID No. 3 and the polypeptide selected from SEQ ID No. 4.

In response to the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.821-1.825, Applicants submit herewith a Sequence Listing in paper and computer readable form. I hereby state that the content of the paper and computer readable copies of the Sequence Listing submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.825(d) are the same and includes no new matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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